



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

**ICHIYAMA, Yoshikazu**

Group Art Unit: **2834**

Serial No.: **09/788,547**

Examiner: **LAM, T.**

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For: **MAGNETIC FLUID BEARING MOTOR EMPLOYING POROUS SLEEVE**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 2834**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 10, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **CANCEL** claims 2, 3, 7 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please **AMEND** claims 1 and 6 as follows:

- 1           1. (Twice Amended) A magnetic fluid bearing motor provided with a bearing assembly, the bearing  
2 assembly comprising:  
3           a shaft formed partly or wholly of a ferromagnetic substance;

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